

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An information storage medium having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein
said information storage medium adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit,
the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units,
one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded, and
display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in the management information recorded at a head position in the first playback unit.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) An information storage medium having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein
said information storage medium adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit,
the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units,

one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded in a line, and

display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in a default play list that defines, in advance, a playback order or playback sequence of one or more first playback units, as attribute information of each first playback unit.

4. (Original) An information storage medium having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein

said information storage medium adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit,

the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units,

one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded in a line, and

display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in a play list in which a playback order or playback sequence of one or more first playback units is arbitrarily defined, as attribute information of each first playback unit.

5. (Currently Amended) An information storage medium having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein

said information storage medium adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit,

the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units, and

display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described as attribute information in a portion of information that pertains to the second playback unit, wherein said attribute information includes a display timing mode, and said display method includes display timing of the image information.

6. (Withdrawn) A method of playing back information from a medium that records audio information and image information in a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, wherein

when one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded in a line in the medium in which the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units,

only contents of the management information recorded at a head position in the first playback unit are used as valid information, and the image information is played back by accessing the image information based on the contents of the valid management information.

7. (Withdrawn) A method of playing back information from a medium, that records audio information and image information in a first playback unit for playing back

the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, using management information for managing the second playback unit, wherein

a first music number indicated by the first playback unit is divided to generate second and third music numbers,

when the management information of the first music number before divided has a pointer including display mode information indicating a display method of the image information, the display mode information included in the pointer is transplanted to management information of the divided second music number and management information of the divided third music number, and

the image information is played back based on management information having the transplanted management information.

8. (Withdrawn) A method of playing back information from a medium, that records audio information and text information in a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, using management information for managing the second playback unit, wherein

a first music number indicated by the first playback unit is divided to generate second and third music numbers,

when the management information of the first music number before divided has a pointer including the text information, contents of the pointer are transplanted to

management information of the divided second music number and management information of the divided third music number, and
the text information is played back based on the transplanted pointer.

9. (Withdrawn) A method of playing back information from a medium, that records preceding object information including audio information and text information in a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, using management information for managing the second playback unit, wherein

new object information including the audio information and the text information is generated,

all kinds of information that pertain to the audio information and the text information in the preceding object information are transplanted to the new object information, and

at least one of the audio information and the text information is played back based on the transplanted information.

10. (Withdrawn) A method of playing back information from a medium, that records audio information and image information in a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, using management information for managing the second playback unit, wherein

a first music number indicated by the first playback unit and a second music number indicated by the first playback unit are combined to generate a third music number indicated by the first playback unit,

when management information of the first music number before combined with the second music number has a pointer including display mode information indicating a display method of the image information, the same pointer as the management information of the first music number is provided to management information of the combined third music number, and

the image information of the combined third music number is played back based on the management information having the same pointer.

11. (Withdrawn) A method of playing back information from a medium, that records audio information and image information in a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, using management information for managing the second playback unit, wherein

a preceding first music number indicated by the first playback unit and a succeeding second music number indicated by the first playback unit are combined to generate a third music number indicated by the first playback unit,

upon generating the combined third music number, image information of the succeeding second music number is merged with image information of the preceding first music number, and

the merged image information is played back upon playing back the combined third music number.

12. (Withdrawn) A method of playing back information from a medium, that records audio information and image information in a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit, or in a unit of a play list that defines a sequence of one or more first playback units, using management information for managing the second playback unit, wherein

when the play list is selected or a predetermined first playback unit is selected, the first playback unit to be played back is specified,

specific image information is allowed to be used as a jacket image based on the management information of the specified first playback unit, and

the specific image information which is allowed to be used is played back as the jacket image upon playing back the specified first playback unit.

13. (Original) A data structure for recording information on an information storage medium having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein

said data structure adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit,

the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units,

one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded, and

display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in the management information recorded at a head position in the first playback unit.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A data structure for recording information on an information storage medium having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein

said data structure adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit,

the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units,

one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded in a line, and

display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in a default play list that defines, in advance, a playback order or playback sequence of one or more first playback units, as attribute information of each first playback unit.

16. (Original) A data structure for recording information on an information storage medium having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein

said data structure adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit,

the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units,

one or more pieces of management information each pertaining to the second playback unit are recorded in a line, and

display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described in a play list in which a playback order or playback sequence of one or more first playback units is arbitrarily defined, as attribute information of each first playback unit.

17. (Currently Amended) A data structure for recording information on an information storage medium having a recording region of audio information and image information, wherein

said data structure adopts a first playback unit for playing back the audio information and a second playback unit having a fineness being equal to or more fine than a fineness of the first playback unit,

the first playback unit is formed of one or more second playback units, and

display mode information indicating a display method of the image information is described as attribute information in a portion of information that pertains to the second

playback unit, wherein said attribute information includes a display timing mode, and
said display method includes display timing of the image information.

18. (New) A method of recording the audio information on the medium of
claim 1.

19. (New) A method of playing back the audio information on the medium of
claim 1.

20. (New) An apparatus for recording the audio information on the medium of
claim 1.

21. (New) An apparatus for playing back the audio information from the
medium of claim 1.